

**Chairperson and Community Board Members**  
PARAPARAUMU/RAUMATI COMMUNITY BOARD

30 AUGUST 2011

Meeting Status: **Public**

Purpose of Report: For Decision

**LOCAL OUTCOMES FOR KĀPITI ISLAND COMMUNITY**

**PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1 This report seeks the Board's consideration and approval for the development of Local Outcomes for the Kāpiti Island community.

**SIGNIFICANCE OF DECISION**

- 2 This report does not trigger the Council's Significance Policy.

**BACKGROUND**

- 3 Mr James Webber addressed the Board at the 15 March 2011 meeting, detailing some of the history of his family's habitation of Kāpiti Island and outlining possibilities for strengthening relationships between the Island and mainland communities. After further discussions the Board passed the following resolution at its 7 June meeting:

**MOVED (Jensen/Gurunathan)**

**The Paraparaumu/Raumati Community Board requests Kapiti Coast District Council staff to table a report for Council to facilitate the formation of a subcommittee of the Board to help liaise with the whanau living on privately owned rural zoned land located at the northern end of Kapiti Island. Given the iconic status of the Island, the significance of the Island whanau and the anticipated changes taking place the Board believes the creation of such a subcommittee with representation from the Island whanau would be a useful way of managing any changes and meeting community expectations.**

**CARRIED**

*Resource consent for Nature Lodge on Kāpiti Island*

- 4 In September 2003 the Environment Court issued an Order putting in place a monitoring programme to:
  - measure the social and environmental impacts of the Island's resource consent;
  - confirm that the conditions of the consent are adequate and workable; and
  - check that the conditions of the consent were being complied with.

- 5 To administer this monitoring and review programme the Court ordered the convening of a Monitoring Committee for the duration of the resource consent (ie ten years). This means that the Monitoring Committee will be discharged in September 2013 when the current resource consent expires.
- 6 The Committee membership includes a Kāpiti Coast District Councillor, a Board member, and an iwi representative, as well as other community and government representatives with relevant expertise and/or interest. This is the only formal contact between the Island and Council. The body of evidence to date indicates that there have not been any issues relating to the operation of the Lodge.

## CONSIDERATIONS

### *Option 1*

- 7 The Community Board's resolution called for Council to convene a subcommittee to provide a mechanism to build a relationship with the residents on the Island. If Council did this it would have to be effected as an amendment to Council's Governance Structure (the next round of amendments to be considered in October). This subcommittee would also be bound by Standing Orders and this provides an undesirable degree of formality. The setting up of another subcommittee would also set an undesirable precedent for other smaller settlements, and would impose an additional workload on staff at a time of peak workload (associated with the Long Term Plan).

### *Option 2*

- 8 Another option is that the Community Board itself convene a Working Group which would afford greater flexibility and informality in dealing with the potentially wide range of issues of concern to the Island community. The Working Group would report back to the Community Board on a regular basis and the Board then could make recommendations to Council, should it see fit to do so.
- 9 The District's Community Boards act primarily as advocates for their communities and it is common practice for Community Boards to form their own ad hoc Working Groups. It is important to note that the decision-making powers of such groups could not overstep those powers delegated to the Board.

### *Option 3*

- 10 Another option is to develop Community Outcomes (ie a Local Outcomes Statement) for the Island. The option of developing a Local Outcomes Statement for Kāpiti Island was discussed at a meeting on 25 July with Jim Webber. The discussion covered the idea that such a process might start with the Island's residents and as the local vision is captured, the process would be extended for wider community input. Staff would consider a local outcomes process alongside or as an input to the District Plan Review. These discussions could be hosted by the Board. This option is the recommendation from staff. It provides for tangible outcomes and the Outcomes would continue to be referenced by staff and Elected Members when deliberating on issues relating to the Island.

### Financial Considerations

11 There are no financial considerations.

### Legal Considerations

12 There are no legal considerations.

### Delegation

13 The Board may consider this matter under clause 7.3 of Part D of the Governance Structure (2010-2013 version as amended on 21 April 2011):

*...”Authority to communicate with community organisations and special interest groups within the community...”*

### Consultation

14 Mr Jim Webber has had discussions with the Group Manager Community Services and has stated his agreement with the suggested preferred option of developing a Local Outcomes Statement.

### Policy Implications

15 There are no policy considerations.

### Tāngata Whenua Considerations

16 Tāngata whenua would be an important party to the development of a Local Outcomes Statement for Kāpiti Island.

### Publicity Considerations

17 There are no publicity considerations.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

18 That the Paraparaumu/Raumati Community Board will work with the Kāpiti Island community and with Council staff to develop Local Outcomes for that area.

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